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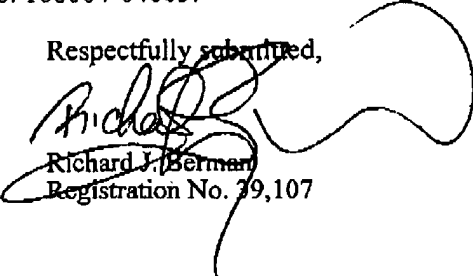
Re: **Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent Under 37 C.F.R. 1.378(c)**
U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,536,506
U.S. Patent Appln. S.N. 08/393,738
For: **USE OF PIPERINE TO INCREASE THE BIOAVAILABILITY OF NUTRITIONAL COMPOUNDS**
By: **Muhammed MAJEED et al**
Our Ref: 108064-04005

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Sir:

Payment of the 11½ year maintenance fee for the above-identified patent was due on January 16, 2008. Petitioners respectfully request that the delayed payment of the maintenance fee be accepted and the patent be reinstated. The entire delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

Payment of the required fees in the amount of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$5,880.00), which includes the payment of the 11½ year maintenance fee (\$4,110.00), 6 month surcharge fee (\$130.00), and the required surcharge fee after expiration - unintentional (\$1,640.00), is being made by credit card. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees

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